Foreign assistance received by the Cancer Institute, Madras, Tamil Nadu

1714. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Cancer Institute, Madras in Tamil Nadu has received any financial assistance from foreign countries during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The Cancer Institute, Madras has received financial assistance from the U.S. Held Rupee Fund for its research project in Acute Lymphoblastic Laukaemias and aggressive Non Hodgkins Lymphomas. The estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 90,35,900 for a period of 5 years and the first instalment of grant of Rs. 11,27,900 has been received.

No other financial assistance has been received from foreign agencies.

Suicide committed by Bhopal gas victims

1715. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI T. R. BALU :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Bhopal Gas victims who have committed suicide so far;

(b) what are the details of such incidents;

(c) whether any enquiry has since been ordered, if so, what has been its outcome; and

(d) what steps have been taken in the past to provide adequate medical treatment to gas victims of Bhopal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) and (b) According to the information received from the Govenment of Madhya Pradesh, only one incident of suicide by Shri Kailash Pawar, a gas exposed on 24-3-89, admitted as indoor patient in Jawaharlal Nehru hospital has been reported.

(c) A magisterial enquiry of the incident has been ordered by the Madhya Pradesh Government. The details will be known after the Inquiry Report becomes available.

(d) Symphomatic treatment is being given to all cases of disease through hospitals and dispensaries of the State Government. The State Government are running 4 hospitals, one Polyclinic, two diagnostic centres and five dispensaries in the gas affected area. There is a special 62 bedded MIC ward in Hamidia hospital. Referral Services are being provided by the Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal.

Loss of Defence Software in the fire in Semi-conductor complex

1716. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether important software relating to Defence needs were also lost in the recent fire in the Semi-conductor Complex Ltd. near Chandigarh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : No, Sir.

Substandard Medicines

1717. SHRI CHITTA BASU :
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of samples drawn of finished medicines from each State for test during the last three years ending 31st March, 1989;